THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (*SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY*): (a) The Wage Boards for Working Journalists and Non-Journalists Newspaper Employees had published the tentative proposals in August, 1988 and have received comments in this regard. The Boards have given hearing to the employees and employers on these proposals. The Wage Boards are holding meetings so as to progress their work to finalisation.

(b) The terms of the Chairman and the staff of the Wage Boards has been further extended to 31-3-89. The Boards regulate their own procedure in connection with their work.

(c) Government can announce decision only after the Wage Boards have submitted their reports, and after Government has considered these.

Failure of Agricultural Research and Development Programme

298. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various seeds sapling have been put under Open General License as appeared in the 'Economic Times' of 14-1-1989 largely due to failure of Agriculture R and D, and National Seeds Corporation in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware that similar situation exists in case of milk and fish production due to failure of R and D units and agencies such as National Dairy Development Board; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the situation and save the country and economy and also help nutrition of the population by helping in growth and progress of Dairy Development and Fisheries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir. The import of some of the identified categories of seeds/planting materials have been allowed in Open General Licence with a view to providing to the Indian farmer the best planting material available in the world to increase productivity, farm income and also export earnings of the country.

(b) No, Sir. There is no such situation in the case of milk or fish production.

(c) The Government has been reviewing the position in this regard from time to time. It has taken up suitable development programmes with a view to increasing the supply of quality seeds and planting material to the farmers. Operation Flood and other dairy development programmes as well as various inland and marine fisheries development programme are being implemented with the objective of meeting the nutritional requirements of the population. Significant increase has been achieved both in case of milk as well as fish production.

Control of Heliothis Disease of Cotton by Integrated Pest Management

299 SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Heliothis disease of cotton finally has been contained in Andhra Pradesh through use of pesticides or any other methods such as Integrated Pest Management;

(b) whether Government are aware that similar outbreaks in South America were controlled using integrated pest management; and

(c) whether Government propose to send farmers from A.P. and R and D Scientists abroad to study these methods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Heliothis pest on cotton in Andhra Pradesh has been contained by different strategies evolved by the Agricultural Universities of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Indian Council of Agricultural Research. These strategies from a package of Integrated Pest Management which has been crystalised during National Workshops. The components of Integrated Pest Management are:

(i) Growing of less susceptible varieties of cotton.

(ii) Proper monitoring of Heliothis population and spraying of insecticides when needed.

(iii) Restricted use of broad spectrum insecticides particularly synthetic pyrethroids.

(iv) Crop rotation with non-host plants.

(v) Use of bacterial and biological control agents.

(vi) Hand picking of **Heliothis** larvae wherever possible.

(vii) Use of recommended dose of nitrogenous fertilisers.

(viii) Use of quality insecticides in proper doses by effective sprayers.

(b) There are reports to this effect.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Construction of Houses under Indira Gandhi Awas Yojana

300. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given to the States for the construction of houses under the Indira Gandhi Awas Yojana during the year 1988-89; and

(b) the number of houses constructed and allotted so far to the poor people Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A sum of Rs. 124 crores (cash) has been allocated to States/UTs under the Indian Awas Yojana during the year 1988-89. So far, 62448 Nos. of houses are reported to have been constructed/allotted under the Yojana during 1988-89. A statement indicating State/UT-wise details of cash funds allocated under the Yojana and the numberof houses reported to have been constructed/allotted during the year is annexed.

Statement

State/UT-wise details of cash funds allocated and number of houses reported to have been constructed/allotted so far, under Indira Awas Yojana, during 1988-89.

Sl. No.	State/UT	Cash Funds allocatted (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of houses constructed/ allotted (Provisional)
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	1190 00	6078
2	Arunachal Pradesh	10·00	NR
3	Assam	251·00	247